



Proclamation *Presented*

In Recognition of Fire Prevention Week

WHEREAS, the fire departments of the State of Hawai'i will join fire departments, fire fighters, and first responders nationwide in recognizing October 6-12, 2013, as Fire Prevention Week with various activities centered around this year's theme, "Prevent Kitchen Fires"; and

WHEREAS, the fire departments of the State of Hawai'i wish to remind the public that between 2007 and 2011 there were an average of 156,000 cooking-related fires throughout America, which resulted in 400 civilian deaths, 5,080 civilian injuries, and \$853 million in direct damage; two of every five home fires started in the kitchen; and unattended cooking was a factor in 34% of the reported home cooking fires; and

WHEREAS, the fire departments of the State of Hawai'i recognize that residents who plan and practice a home fire escape plan and have working smoke alarms and fire extinguishers, reduce the risk of dying in home fires by half and increase the chances of saving lives; and

WHEREAS, the fire departments of the State of Hawai'i are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and injuries through prevention and proper education and urge Hawai'i's residents to be proactive in seeking resources that increase their knowledge about fire safety;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 6-12, 2013, as

"FIRE PREVENTION WEEK"

in Hawai'i and encourage the people of the Aloha State to join us and the fire departments of the State of Hawaii in taking great care to "Prevent Kitchen Fires" and staying committed to ensuring the safety and security of those living and visiting our state.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twentieth day of September 2013.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i